

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB2919

By: Morgan

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-118.1, which relates to performance reviews of school districts; modifying authority of the Office of Accountability to conduct performance reviews; changing requirement for contracting with an outside entity; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-118.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-118.1 A. The Office of Accountability, under the direction of the Education Oversight Board, is hereby authorized to ~~conduct a~~ research, develop, implement, and administer a school performance review ~~of~~ program to determine the effectiveness and efficiency of the budget and operations of school districts that have administrative service costs which are above the expenditure limits established for school districts in Section 18-124 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title. The Office of Accountability ~~shall~~ may contract with ~~an~~ outside ~~entity~~ entities to ~~conduct~~ assist them in conducting the performance ~~reviews~~ review program. The ~~entity~~ outside entities shall be chosen through a competitive bid process. Invitations to bid for the performance reviews shall be open to any public or private entity. Contracts for performance reviews shall not be done on a sole source basis.

B. The board of education of any school district in the state may, by majority vote, request the Office of Accountability to

conduct a performance review of that school district. If a school district requests a performance review, twenty-five percent (25%) of the entire cost of the review shall be borne by the school district.

C. After a performance review of a school district is completed by the Office of Accountability, the school district may implement all or part of the recommendations contained in the review.

D. If a school district experiences a cost savings that is directly attributable to implementation of performance review recommendations, the cost savings shall be expended by the school district for classroom expenses. Classroom expenses shall include but are not limited to teacher salaries and purchasing textbooks, teaching material, technology and other classroom equipment. Classroom expenditures shall not include administrative services as defined in Section 18-124 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title or for equipment or materials for administrative staff.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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